Dear Harry

JFK assassination records appeals: searches- files not searched and special files; books and their authors - ~~appeals~~ special files on

I have already informed you of places and files not searched, of where the FBI has what it refers to as its "library" of special-interest literature, and of its steadfast refusal to search such other files, particularly in the King case, where I have an item relating to authors of books.

Attached is 62-109060-7518. The third paragraph of the airtel that is part of this Serial is another proof of the preparation of "reviews" and of their withholding in all my cases and under all my requests: The book 'The Man Behind the Cross' has been reviewed at FBIHQ. It is a ..." No review is provided in these records.

In the part I have called the possibility of the existence of a special file 62-109060 to your attention, on at least one occasion wondering if it is not an uncorrected typographical error. It now appears not to be and to be relevant, perhaps as a special file relating to books and authors, to criticisms of the official solution to the crime.

In connection with my work and with my PA appeal I have also called to your attention ~~xxxxx~~ material in mess that appears to have no basis in any records provided to me, including under PA. Obviously those in FBIHQ who prepared these mess required raw materials for them.

It now is obvious that 62-109060 is a real file, is relevant and has not been searched for compliance with my requests. I ask that it be searched promptly, please.

This would appear to be the kind of file described above. I would like to know and I would like to know whether there are other such files, special or otherwise. I would also like to know why I have not received a single record from this file in compliance with my requests.

Of course this also applies to the King case, where I do have a list of authors in the request. I have had no compliance with this item despite appeal of long ago. Are there such special files on critics or authors in the King case? At FBIHQ, Memphis as Office of Origin or elsewhere?

Please note that on the top of this airtel three FBIHQ names are withheld. One has the

the initials "HH" from prior FBI practice I've observed. Here I believe the real reason for the withholding, as in the past, has nothing to do with any claimed need to protect "privacy" but actually is intended to hide what the FBI has been hiding all along, files the disclosure of which could embarrass it. This appears to be a duplication of the long tickler hit in the King case.

In this connection I remind you again of the Director's ignored and violated policy statement with regard to historical cases, that FBI names would not be withheld. I provided you with a copy of that letter. So while in most cases, having already appealed the withholding of these names, I have not acted thereon withholding or made a special appeal in this case, because it appears to be a lead to what the FBI has been covering up, I do appeal the withholding of these names and ask that they be raised about any such special files or projects relating to books, authors, critics, etc.

I fail to see how in any file search at FBIHQ, any consultation with any index did not disclose the existence of this 62-109060 file. This raises what I regard as substantial questions of good faith. Wording, really, bad faith.

It also raises again what I regard as substantial questions about the meaningfulness of appeal and the appeals machinery if the requestor, who has access to nothing except what is provided to him, must inform the appeals office of the existence of files not searched and then has to wait an interminable time for even response, whether or not compliance. And if the FBI keeps the existence of relevant files secret from the appeals authority, how can the appeal authority consider an appeal from such denials and withholdings?

Given the closeness of the numbers 109060 and 109062 I believe it is appropriate for you to determine whether or not other related files were established at that time as well as later.